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WHICH DO YOU LIKE?

(A communication.)

"The report of the experts who have been examining the city books has caused considerable discussion as to the means which should be adopted by the city to prevent misappropriation of the city's funds. The fact that the sum of \$7000 has been unlawfully taken from the city treasury, and appropriated by an individual, in the last five years, without detection, is not creditable to those whose duty it was to administer the city's affairs. The law requires that the city auditor and treasurer make out quarterly reports, and it seems that the proper examination and checking up of these reports by the proper committees of the common council have been detected the shortage long ago. It certainly would have been discovered had those reports been properly examined and checked up. It is, therefore, fair to presume that the reports of those officers, when made, were assumed to be correct and that no one took the trouble to ascertain the fact as to whether they were correct or not. While we are considering the question as to how the city may be reimbursed for the shortage of \$7000, let us see how such shortages may be prevented in the future.

"The auditor is required to audit all claims against the city, and to present them to the common council for payment. These claims should be referred to the proper committees, who should examine and report upon them in writing, stating the amount in which the claim is approved by the committee. Then, when the claim is allowed by the council, the warrant should be drawn by the auditor, who should have a contrivance for puncturing the paper with the figures denoting the amount of the warrant, similar to those used by banking institutions, and when the warrant is presented to the mayor for his signature it should be accompanied by the audited claims, so that the mayor may be able to ascertain if the amount named in the warrant corresponds with the amount of the claim ordered paid by the council. Such a course was pursued by the council during the years of 1896 and 1897 (excepting that no contrivance was used for puncturing the warrant in the manner suggested above) and, consequently, no shortage appears to have occurred in those years. That was under a "boodle" republican administration, which has been so much denounced by those engaged in the so-called citizens' movement, who misled the people into believing that it was only through a democratic administration, under the guise of the citizens' party, that an honest, efficient administration of the city's affairs could be conducted.

"Results show whether or not those claims have been fulfilled, and demon-

strate the fact that it is much more important to the city to have interested and efficient citizens for its officials, even if they do sometimes appear meddlesome and obtrusive in examining into the affairs of the various officials of the city, than to elect persons to those positions who have not the interest of the city at heart, or are not willing to give the time, or are not competent to ascertain as to whether or not the various city officials are properly performing their duties. It seems, so far as can be ascertained, that the late auditor gave no official bond during his last term. Is it not the duty of some one to know whether or not he gave a bond? To see that it was properly executed and to see that it was put in the proper place for safekeeping?"

Interested Taxpayer.
While certainly no reflection upon the honesty of the present officials is intended, the suggestions of our correspondent are pertinent and wise. It is a notable fact that the defalcations referred to began as soon as the city government passed out of the hands of the republicans. The late unfortunate auditor opposed the reelection of a certain republican who had long and faithfully served as chairman of important committees, because "he has a way of coming into the office and examining things, and meddling around," which, it seems, was a splendid tribute to the manner in which things were looked after in those days.

WE NEED HOUSES.

A handsome monthly income and the approval of a suffering public will be the reward of the enterprising man who erects a number of small cottages or a few first-class flats for rent within easy walking distance of Astoria's business center. The dwellings of the city are taxed to their utmost. It is, and has been for many months, almost impossible to obtain a good modern house to live in at any price without waiting indefinitely for it to become vacant. The houses which have been built recently have all been rented before they were finished, usually before construction was begun. Dozens of families in the city would be glad to secure medium sized dwellings with modern conveniences at a rental of \$15 to \$20 a month if they could be had. Probably some of the property owners are afraid that if they built new houses their old tenements would be vacated. Perhaps they think the people may leave town soon. Some of them have left because they could not find decent houses to rent.

Where are the people to live whom we expect and desire to make Astoria their home? They can not buy and build at once. They should not be expected to. If large land owners have not faith enough in the proposition to erect cottages which can be rented at a good figure before they are built, how can we expect strangers to invest? There may be a few old shacks yet vacant, and possibly a high priced house or two, but the situation at present is pretty well calculated to influence intending residents to choose a location where they can be more comfortably housed.

The erection of a few dozen cottages or a number of respectable flats would be a great relief to a large element of salaried people, an evidence of thrift and enterprise in the city, and show a becoming loyalty and public spirit as well as shrewdness on the part of the capitalists.

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PERSONAL MENTION

C. E. Houston went up to Portland yesterday.

Lee Coffman, son of ex-Mayor Coffman, of Seaside, is in the city.

W. Ross, the well known Knappa logger, visited the city yesterday.

William Moody, a resident of Knappa, and prosperous farmer, was here yesterday.

Mrs. M. B. Bosorth has returned from an extended stay with Mr. Bosorth in Portland.

A. F. McCowan of the Davenport Thompson company, Portland, was doing the city yesterday.

Fred Johnson, the merchant, went to Portland last night on a business trip. He will return tonight.

Chas. Gray spent Sunday in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Glaze were here yesterday from their Knappa home.

Ex-Governor T. T. Geer went up to Portland yesterday and expects to return tonight, after making a trip to Salem.

Richard C. Lee and bride have returned from a wedding trip to the sound and will make Astoria their future home.

State Senator George C. Brownell of Oregon City was in attendance at circuit court yesterday to defend Lyman Way, accused of stealing nets.

A pronounced change for the better has taken place in the condition of Mrs. Hannah Trullinger. A very satisfactory improvement was noted yesterday.

R. C. McIntosh was down from Knappa yesterday doing business in the city. Mr. McIntosh contemplates opening up a logging camp at Knappa in the near future.

Mrs. Fred Leinenweber returned to Portland last night from having spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kuetner. Mr. Leinenweber returned Sunday night.

Capt. and Mrs. James Tatton have returned from an extensive visit to southern California and Mexico. They took in the City of Mexico with all its wonders, and visited the noted springs some miles beyond. The captain says they experienced a wonderful display of fine climates, but otherwise the south is not in it with Astoria.

Bridge Proposals

Notice is hereby given that plans, specifications, strain diagrams and bids will be received by the county court of Clatsop county, state of Oregon, until 5 p. m., Tuesday, May 16, 1933, for the building, construction and erection of a drawbridge across the Lewis and Clark river in Clatsop county, Oregon, according to such plans, specifications and diagrams.

Location of bridge is shown on maps now on file in the county clerk's office as approved by the Hon. Secretary of war.

Bridge to be a steel swinging draw bridge with a clear space of 70 feet on each side of the draw rest. As is also directed by the Hon. secretary of war.

Approaches to be pile trestle with a 14 foot clear road or driveway. Bidders shall attach to their bid a certified check equal to 10 percent of the same and check made payable to the order of the county clerk or may deposit the amount in cash at time of filing his or their bid.

Said check or cash to be forfeited to the county of Clatsop, state of Oregon, if after an award is made or bid is accepted said bidder fails or refuses for a period of two days to enter into contract and file a bond as may be required by the county court aforesaid.

Payments for said bridge to be made by warrants drawn on a special fund created by the county court of Clatsop county, Oregon, at their regular term in January, 1933, same being a levy of 1 1/2 mills on the dollar for a term of four years. Bids to be sealed and marked "Proposals for Draw Bridge across the Lewis and Clark River," and filed in the office of the county clerk.

The county court, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids. By order of the County Court.

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Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 25, 1933. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 24, 1933, for furnishing fuel at military posts in this department for fiscal year commencing July 1, 1933. Information furnished here or by quartermasters at posts. United States reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for Fuel at —" addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

U. S. Engineer office, Portland, Ore., March 25, 1933. Sealed proposals will be received here for 475,000 tons, more or less, stone for extension of jetty at mouth of Columbia river, Oregon, and Wash., until 11 a. m., April 20, 1933, and then publicly opened. Information on application. "W. C. Langfitt, Capt. Engrs.

Office of C. Q. M., Vancouver Barracks, Wash., March 13, 1933.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 11 o'clock, a. m., April 14, 1933, for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon. Information furnished here or by quartermaster at post. U. S. reserves the right to reject or accept any or all proposals or any part thereof. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked: "Proposals for clearing ground at Fort Stevens, Oregon," addressed F. H. Hathaway, C. Q. M.

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